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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 2716

TREASURY EYES ONLY FOR ASS'T SEC'Y PARSKY
DEPARTMENT EYES ONLY FOR DEPUTY ASS'T SEC'Y SOBER
JIDDA EYES ONLY FOR CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: USSAEC

SUBJ: VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM

1. TREASURY REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS W. BOWDEN HAS ASKED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO YOU. VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM COMPOSED OF RICHARD MCGUERTY (LABOR), WILLIAM MORROW(LABOR), AND FRANK DI MATTEO (AID) HAS NOW BEEN IN SAUDI ARABIA SIX WEEKS, THREE WEEKS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SPENT IN RIYADH. TEAM HAS IN EFFECT BEEN DEVELOPING AND NEGOTIATING WHAT COULD BE DRAFT OF PROJECT AGREEMENT ON VERY AMBITIOUS, KINGDOM-WIDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER PROGRAM. PROGRESS IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAS SLOWED VIRTUALLY TO A HALT AND IT IS CLEAR THAT TEAM IS BEING KEPT IN RIYADH IN ESSENTIALLY OPEN-ENDED POSTURE SIMPLY AT CONVENIENCE OF SAUDI MINISTRY OF LABOR.

2. DIMINISHING RETURNS HAVE SET IN WHICH IN MY JUDGMENT RENDER FURTHER STAY OF TEAM IN SAUDI ARABIA COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. MOREOVER, TEAM IS HIGHLY RESTIVE AND SHOWS CLEAR EFFECTS OF PROLONGED, TEDIOUS, UNFOCUSED NEGOTIATIONS IN DIFFICULT ATMOSPHERE. AID REPRESENTATIVE CONSIDERS HIS WORK FINISHED AND WOULD LIKE TO RETURN U.S. SOONEST. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY CONTACT JOEL SEGALL OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL AND SUGGEST MESSAGE BE SENT
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SOONEST VIA OUR TELEX SYSTEM OR BY TELEPHONE (25132) DIRECTING

THIS TEAM TO LEAVE SAUDI ARABIA AT LATEST MONDAY, JUNE 30, AND
REPORT BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS ON JULY 2.
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